

Sinclair's decision to order its affiliates to run the anti-Kerry "documentary" Stolen Honor just two weeks before our Presidential election is a great disservice to all Americans. Sinclair Broadcasting certainly was not what our Founding Fathers had in mind when they wrote about the necessity of a Free Press in our Democracy. In fact, this decision shows the grave danger of concentrated media ownership to the fundamental value of our democracy.

I urge the FCC--in their role as the watchdog of our airwaves--to take aggressive action against Sinclair. However, given Michael Powell's appointment to the FCC chairmanship by President Bush, I do not think that will likely happen and once again power-based partisan politics will win out over our nation's democratic values.